

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Alcohol-related birth defects are recognized as the leading known cause of mental retardation in the western world; and,

WHEREAS, The incidence of alcohol-related birth defects is estimated at two per 1,000 live births, and considered to be one of the most frequently occurring birth defects; and,

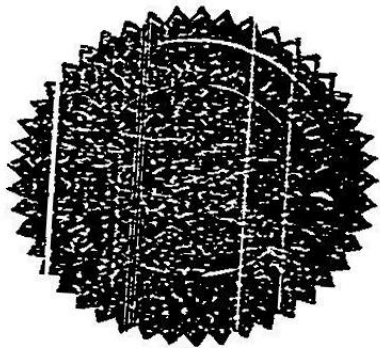
WHEREAS, Alcohol-related birth defects are not curable, but are one hundred percent preventable; and,

WHEREAS, The burden for controlling alcohol-related birth defects lies not only with the parents, but in the education of the family and community about the effects of alcohol consumption during pregnancy;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota do hereby proclaim May 13 through 19, 1990, as

**ALCOHOL-RELATED BIRTH DEFECTS AWARENESS WEEK**

in South Dakota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-First Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety

  
GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE